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2. The Lithuanian Border District was organized in July 1944 with headquarters in Kaunas. From 1944 to November 1951 the Commanding General of the Lithuanian Border District was Brig. Gen. BYCHKOVSKIY. His Chief of Staff was first Col. BOSYY, and later Col. LUK'YANOV.

3. [REDACTED] All 50X1
correspondence directed to the Border District was addressed to Headquarters, Border Guard District, or Border Troops (Shtab pogranichnykh voysk or pogranichnogo okruga). Headquarters of the Lithuanian Border District was located in the central part of Kaunas adjoining the public library building. [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] headquarters occupied a large, three-story building.

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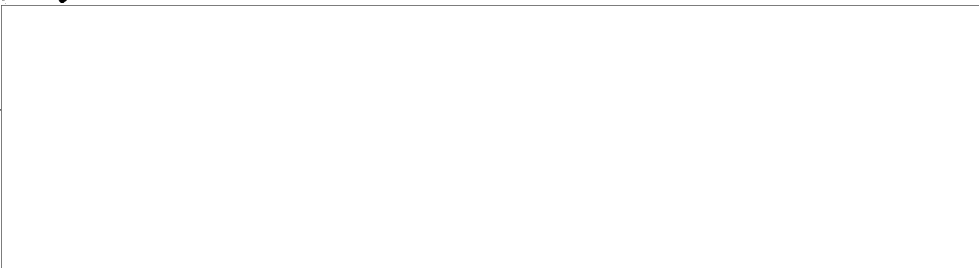
4. Five border guard detachments were subordinate to the Lithuanian Border District, as follows: 50X1
- a. 94th Border Detachment in Marijampol' N 54-33, E 23-20, [redacted] 50X1
 - (1) The First in Vishtinets (Vishtynets), [redacted] 50X1
 - (2) The Second in Kalvaria N 54-25, E 23-13, [redacted] 50X1
 - (3) The Third in Ladziyay (Lazdijai), [redacted] 50X1
 - (4) The Fourth in Visey (Veisiejai), [redacted] 50X1
 - b. 24th Border Detachment in Ozersk, with four border komendatury. One was located in Nordenburg; Others unidentified. 50X1
 - c. 95th Border Detachment in Pravdinsk (Friedland) N 54-27, E 21-20, with four border komendatury, the first unknown and the others as follows: Second, in Bagrationovsk, Third, in Allenau, and Fourth, in Gerdauen (Zheleznodorozhnyy). 50X1
 - d. 23rd Border Detachment in Klaypeda, with four border komendatury, location unknown. [redacted] one was stationed in Libava. 50X1
 - e. 8th Border Detachment in Ventspils, with four border komendatury. One was stationed in Palanga, [redacted] not sure whether it belonged to the 8th Border Detachment or to the 23rd Border Detachment. 50X1

5. In addition to the five border detachments, there was a Border District MGO School located close to Insterburg (Chernikhovsk). [redacted] 50X1

Organization of Border District Headquarters

6. [redacted] a chart Annex B7 showing the organization of the Lithuanian Border District Headquarters. The following headquarters elements were directly subordinate to the Commanding General of the Border District: Chief of Staff; head of Rear Services; and the Chief of the Political Department (also referred to as Deputy for Political Matters). A counter intelligence detachment (Otdeleniye Kontr Razvedki - OKR) of the MGB was attached to but not subordinate to the District Headquarters. 50X1
7. Seven departments (otdel) and two other headquarters elements were directly subordinate to the Chief of Staff, as follows: 50X1

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platoon; telephone-telegraph platoon; wire platoon (Lineynyy ili stroitel'nyy); electrical detection devices maintenance platoon; and message center platoon. [redacted] the actual strength of the Signal Battalion, but [redacted] the platoons were stronger than 20 to 25 men. 50X1 50X1

d. Fourth Department, sometimes referred to as the Enlisted Men's Personnel Department (Lichnogo sostava). Five to seven officers and four NCO's were on duty with this Department, which handled EM personnel affairs. The length of service for EM in the Border Guard Troops was three years.

e. Fifth Department, referred to as Combat Readiness Department (Otdel boyevoy podgotovki). The head of this Department was Col. BAKHMUTOV. It was composed of several sections and had seven to 10 officers and about five NCO's. The Department was responsible for the instruction, training and combat readiness of border guard personnel subordinate to the Border District. The following sections made up part of this Department:

- (1) Chemical Warfare Section: responsible for CW defense training. All officers and EM had gas masks of a type [redacted] In addition to the gas masks, every border guard company (zastava) had two or three pairs of protective clothing. In actuality, CW defense training was very poorly organized.
- (2) Physical Training Section (fiz-podgotovka): responsible for the physical training of border guard personnel, sport competitions, etc. The most popular sports were football, volleyball, and swimming.
- (3) Marksmanship and Combat Firing Section (Ognevaya podgotovka): responsible for the training of Border District personnel in marksmanship and firing of all weapons on the Border District T/E.

f. Officers' Personnel Department (Otdel kadrov). The head of this Department was Lt. Col. KRAVTSOV. Five to seven officers and several NCO's worked in this Department. It conducted the normal activities of a personnel section for officers serving with the Border District. As a special characteristic of this Department, [redacted] in all matters affecting officers serving with the Border District this Department collaborated most closely with the Deputy for Political Matters, who constantly kept a watchful eye on all assignments, transfers, and promotions of officers. 50X1

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- (3) Artillery Section (Artilleriysko-tekhnicheskaya sluzhba - ATS), responsible for the supply of weapons, ammunition, and the maintenance of arms. This Section had a small arms maintenance and repair shop where maintenance of arms belonging to District units was done. In addition to this, every border detachment had its own small arms maintenance and repair shop where current maintenance and simple repair of weapons was done.
- (4) Motor Pool (avtomobil'nyy transport - ABT), which consisted of approximately 15 sedans, 40 to 50 trucks (mostly ZIS-5's and GAZ-AA's), and a rather large number of American lend-lease Studebakers and Chevrolets. As of late 1951 few of the new GAZ-151's had arrived. The Motor Pool was used for local runs, since supplies were normally delivered directly from Military District warehouses to Border District units by rail. In case rail transportation was not available, border detachments had to send their own trucks to pick up supplies from Military District warehouses.
- (5) Billeting and Furniture Supply Section (Kvartirno-eksplotatsionnaya chast' kech), responsible for securing barracks, billets, and furniture, and the maintenance thereof.

b. Medical Service (Meditsinskaya sluzhba), the head of which was referred to as head of Medical Service (Nachal'nik MedSluzhby). The head of the Border District Medical Service was responsible for sanitation and the health of border guard personnel and for medical care. There was a Border District Hospital in Kaunas, with a capacity of 100 to 150 beds. Until 1951 the CO of the Border District Hospital was Lt. Col. (MC) KORSUNSKIY, who was eventually replaced by Lt. Col. (MC) YEREMIN. There were the following wards in the hospital:

- (1) Surgery
- (2) Internal diseases
- (3) Skin and VD
- (4) Neuropathology
- (5) ENT
- (6) Eye
- (7) Stomatology and dentistry
- (8) X-ray
- (9) Dietetic
- (10) Pharmacy
- (11) Laboratory

In addition to the facilities of the Border District Hospital, each border detachment had its own dispensary with 50 to 100 beds. Except for serious cases, exactly what criteria were used for sending a patient to the Border District Hospital. any patient who would have to stay more than 30 days in a detachment dispensary was sent

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right away to the Border District Hospital. Dependents of Border District personnel were not authorized to use border troop hospital or dispensary facilities and were directed to use the available civilian medical installations. 50X1 however, that this rule was not strictly adhered to, and that some dependents received medical care in the detachment's dispensary and in the District Hospital. The most common ailments among border guard personnel in the Lithuanian Border District were: dysentery, gastritis, and other stomach diseases; influenza; angina; appendicitis; eye and ear ailments; and mental disorders. (Over five years, 50X1 there were five cases of mental disorder.) Absenteeism in border guard units because of illness on the average was constantly six to eight per cent.

- c. Veterinary Service (Veterinarnaya sluzhba). There were a head of Veterinary Service (Nachal'nik VetSluzhby) and two or three veterinary officers. A veterinary hospital of unknown capacity was attached to this section. In addition to this hospital, each border detachment had its own veterinary hospital, which could handle five to 10 horses.
 - d. Finance Section (FinSluzhba), with five to six officers. This Section conducted the ordinary functions of any administrative finance office. Subordinate units, such as border detachments (chast') had checkbooks and drew money from the local State Bank branches. Lower units, such as komendatory (podrazdeleniye), did not have checkbooks and normally received money from the detachment. In exceptional cases when there was a State Bank office in the locality where the komendatura was stationed, the komendatura could receive money from the State Bank.
9. The Chief of the Political Department or the Deputy for Political Matters (ZamNachVoysk po PolitChasti), who was subordinate to the Commanding General, was a direct superior to all personnel within the Border District (Pryamoy nachal'nik vsego lichnogo sostava voysk) and had disciplinary authority only one degree below that of the Border District Commanding General. In the Lithuanian Border District the Chief of the Political Department until 1946 was Col. ZARETSKIY, who was later replaced by Maj. KONOVALOV. The T/O called for a brigadier general as the Chief of the Political Department in a Border District Headquarters. This Department had a deputy and the following sections:
- a. First Section or Marx-Lenin Indoctrination Section (Otdeleniye marksistko-leninskoy podgotovki). The Chief of this Section was Lt. Col. KRASAVIN. The Section was responsible for the indoctrination and training of all officers, NCO's, and soldiers of the Border District in the Marx-Lenin ideology.
 - b. Second Section or Agitation and Propaganda Section (Propagandnyy i agitatsionnyy). The Chief of this Section was Lt. Col. BRETANIN. The Section was responsible for dissemination of Party propaganda and agitation work.
 - c. Third Section or Culture and Enlightenment Section (Kul'turno-prosvetitel'noye). Under this Section were: library, club, theatrical group, and musical instrument subsections.
 - d. Personnel Section (Otdeleniye kadrov). The Chief of this Section was Maj. Sergey BABURIN. The Section was responsible for all personnel matters of all political personnel within the Border District.

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- e. Secretary of the District Party Commission (Okruzhnoy partiynoy komissii), responsible for Party matters and supervision of the behavior and attitude of Party members among the Border District troops.
 - f. Deputy Chief of Political Department for Komsomol, in charge of all Komsomol matters.
 - g. Secretary of Party Bureau District Headquarters, responsible for organization of Party meetings and collection of Party membership fees.
10. In addition to several border detachments directly subordinate to the Lithuanian Border District were the following elements:
- a. District NCO School (Okruzhnaya shkola serzhantskogo sostava). This school was located u/1 15 to 20 km. from Chernikhovsk (formerly Insterburg). The school had 300 students, and the length of the course was one year. The school was composed of several training companies (zastava). Graduates of the school were promoted to junior sergeants.
 - b. Division of Seagoing Launches. [redacted] the organization of this Division, but the launches were of the Malyy Okhotnik (MO) type, as well as of some other types. These launches performed border guard duty on the Baltic Sea coast, as far as it was the responsibility of the Lithuanian Border District. 50X1
 - c. Four District Control and Check Points: Riga; Klaypeda; Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg); and Gerdauen (Zheleznodorozhnyy) N 54-22, E 21-19. These were border crossing control points where there was a check on documents of travelers. 50X1
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[redacted] Gerdauen was one of the main border crossing and control points to and from Poland.
11. Depending upon local conditions and needs, certain other border districts in the USSR had:
- a. One Air Regiment equipped with PO-2 planes for observation in a border zone, searching for illegal border crossers, and training assignments with border guard personnel.
 - b. One Cavalry Remount Battalion of several squadrons (eskadrony) as a replacement depot for horses assigned to border guard units.

ANNEXES:

- A. Order of Battle Lithuanian Border District
- B. Organization of Border District Headquarters

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ANNEX A:

Order of Battle Lithuanian Border District

